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SUBMARINE DISASTER.

LOSS OF THE "L 24".

SUNK WITH ALL HANDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 10.  
An Admiralty message says that the submarine "L 24" was lost off Portland, it is feared with all hands.

COLLIDED WITH BATTLESHIP.

LATER.  
The "L 24," which had a crew of thirty, collided with the battleship "Resolution" off Portland Bill.

LATER.

It appears that "L 24" was exercising with the Atlantic fleet which left Portland in the morning for a three months' cruise and manoeuvres. The cause of the accident is so far unknown.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

LATER.  
A lighter specially adapted to raise submarines is being rushed to the spot to try and salvage the "L 24." The latter is a modern vessel and one of the thirty-two submarines laid down between 1917 and 1922. The disaster occurred in a fog after the vessels of the Atlantic fleet had opened into the channel at the beginning of their Spring cruise.

STINNES INTERVIEWED.

THE ALTERNATIVE.

PARIS, January 10.  
Interviewed by the *Journal des Débats* Herr Stinnes said the Ruhr industrialists agreed to pay reparations for the Reich until April 15 after which they could not continue. He outlined the scheme of deliveries in kind as a subsequent form of settlement and advocated that the Reich pay German Mines and factories for deliveries under long term contracts to allied industrialists who would pay the respective governments therefor, such payments to be written down to reparations account the Reich to ensure repayment to industrialists by allocation of revenue from certain taxes. He was optimistic of a solution of all difficulties if the plan was adopted. The alternative to a sound Franco-German agreement was war.

SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES.

"MAJESTIC" CAPTAIN'S COMMENT.

NEW YORK, January 10.  
Sir Bertram Hayes, Captain of the "Majestic," commented on the recent grounding of the "Leviathan" agreed with the testimony of Captain Hartley of the "Leviathan" before the Commission of Enquiry, that the stranding of the "Leviathan" was due to the narrowness, and tortuousness of the channel and erratic tides. He said the channel had too little water for such an unwieldy craft as the "Majestic" and "Leviathan." "It is terrible to have to wind one's way up the bay against winds, tides, and currents, and continually dodge small craft which dart across steamers' path unrestrictedly." — *Reuter's American Service.*

NEW YORK SOCIETY SENSATION.

SONONY HEIRESS TO WED AUSTRIAN COUNT.

NEW YORK, January 10.  
Society has been surprised at the newspaper announcement of the marriage of Millicent, the twenty year-old daughter of Colonel Huddleston Rogers, heiress to the forty-million dollar estate which her father inherited from the Standard Oil magnate Rogers, to the forty-year-old Austrian tennis player Count Ludwigsalm Von Hoogstraten. The bride's parents, on learning of the marriage, cancelled the passages of themselves and their daughter to Europe on January 12. — *Reuter's American Service.*

GERMANS FURIOUS.

BERLIN, January 10.  
Germany is practically depending upon London and Paris for news presumably as a result of the Spyer Affair. The Separatists have established a strict censorship and it is known that they arrived with a number of prominent Germans at the Palatinate as hostages. The newspapers comment furiously that the French are supporting the Separatists and point out that the Bavarian Government issued a warrant against Dr. Heinz for high treason.

MOVIE FILMS BURNT.  
FIRE AT WEST POINT.

Believed to have broken out last night in the first floor of No. 13A, Hill Road, occupied by a Chinese cinema proprietor, a fire spread to Nos. 45 and 47, Pokfulam Road, two houses directly to the back and separated by a rear-jane. The latter buildings face the western side of the University Main Hall and are quite close to the two medical schools outside the grounds. Unhappily, by property in front, the fire spread to the rear-jane.

flames fanned with the result that No. 13A was gutted and damage was done by both fire and water to the houses at the rear. A quantity of cinema films, said to number several hundred, were burnt out. The damage has not been assessed yet but none of the property in the houses was insured. It is believed that the houses themselves are covered by insurance.

At about 8 p.m. the alarm was raised. Kennedy Town sub-station sent one engine and three others arrived from Central in the charge of Superintendent Brooks and Station Officer Moat. In the hour, the initial danger of the fire

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL MISSION.

VISIT TO BOARD OF TRADE.

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LONDON, January 10.

In the course of a prolonged visit Ching Chien and his fellow missionaries discussed the object of their mission at the Board of Trade where they were received by Sir Sydney Chapman and Overseas Trade Department representatives. The missionaries were entertained at a private luncheon by the Federation of British Industries, Colonel Armstrong, the Chairman, presiding over a gathering including Mr. Godfrey Isaacs and representatives of Avelings, Firths, the Cottonspinners' Association and other important industrials. Chang Chien responding briefly to the toast of the guests, emphasised that while the object of the mission was to acquire information, this was in no way contrary to the interests of foreign manufacturers trading with China. He contended that China would be unable to increase her purchases substantially and rapidly so long as her ability to pay therefor remained undeveloped. On the other hand the development of China's vast natural resources would mean a new era of prosperity for other nations. The British industrials had a reputation for fearlessness in facing competition and he did not doubt that despite competition, these would be amongst the first to contribute to and benefit from the industrial development of China. The mission visits Rochester to-morrow and thence it proceeds to Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham and other industrial centres.

LITTLE ENTENTE POWERS.

CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE.

LONDON, January 10.  
The conference of the "Little Entente" powers which opened at Belgrade to-day, is attracting much attention as it is likely to illustrate new groupings, further complicating the European problem. The chief subjects on the agenda are the financial reform of Hungary, recognition of Russia and the Franco-Szeczo-Slovak treaty but that French policy will dominate the proceedings is apparent from an article in the inspired Belgrade newspaper *Vreme* which says that the first question for consideration will be the renewal of the treaty with France "which is destined to become the axis of continental politics." It adds that the introduction of Russia into European politics comes next. It is noteworthy in this connection that it is announced in London that the British Government has hitherto received no answer to its enquiry in reference to war debts but expects the conference to formulate a joint reply thereto.

BAVARIAN PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION.

HOW THE DEED WAS DONE.

MAYENCE, January 10.  
An eye-witness of the assassination of Dr. Heinz, President of the Bavarian Separatist Government, says that Dr. Heinz, accompanied by a few friends, sat down to dinner at the hotel where he was staying. Half an hour later three youths entered and asked for Dr. Heinz and were conducted to the restaurant. One darted behind Dr. Heinz's chair and fired repeatedly point-blank at his head, Dr. Heinz falling dead. The murderer continued firing wildly, mortally wounding a friend of Dr. Heinz. The murderer eventually, with his companions all firing, walked out and escaped after mortally wounding two passers by in the street and less seriously wounding a number of others.

GREEK POLITICS.

INTENTIONS OF M. VENIZELOS.

ATHENS, January 10.  
M. Venizelos stated that he would assume the foreign portfolio with a view to re-establishing cordial relations with the foreign powers. He will personally superintend the organisation of a plebiscite on the question of a change on the constitution.

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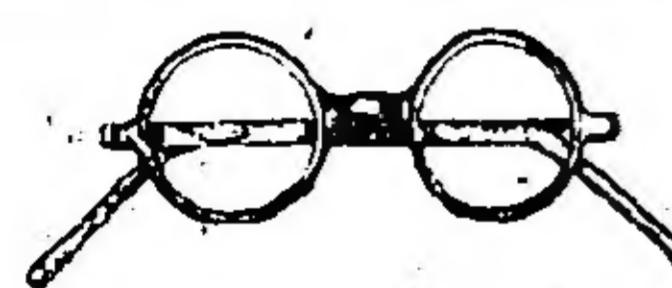
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**THREE SPEECHES.**

William Pearl in his *Fruits of Solitude* remarks that the end of speech is to be understood. Having read carefully, word by word, the three speeches delivered at Wednesday's degree ceremony at the University, we can say without hesitation that the speakers there achieved the most desirable end of being understood. The speeches though big in quantity, are more so in quality and rank with some of the best we have read. Having in view the occasion of their delivery—the presentation of honorary degrees to those deemed worthy to receive them, and the element of stock-taking that we must expect from the head of a young University, it is to be expected that length must over be an accepted fact with regard to orations delivered on these very auspicious occasions. Apart from the speeches and that they were very acceptable may be judged by the punctuation of them with burst of applause by those who attended the ceremony—the degrees conferred upon Mr. Preceo and Mr. S. W. Tso will give general satisfaction. Some may cavil at the today which has taken place in conferring these honours, especially now that the extent of the

ing to advance its cause for the sheer love of doing so. Mr. Preceo is a typical example. He adds to his many benefactions a speech that rings peculiarly true—peculiarly British—whose message is learn, learn, and again learn. We may well leave it at that.

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The showing of films at the Coronet Theatre depicting the training of Chinese Policemen, is on a par with the recent display of educational films—a piece of enterprise that must be commended and demonstrating anew the practical apart from its amusement side, of the cinema industry. It is capable of enlargement in many directions. One that we think of at the moment is in connection with the Education Dept., which, it is alleged is grappling with the question of understaffing. Teachers' will not come we are told. Well then, have a film made of a teacher's life in Hongkong, and sent home for display. There are difficulties in the way we admit. The trouble will be what to include and what to leave out. Unquestionably the first thing will be to show a teacher in receipt of his or her monthly cheque, with a close-up showing the gratified smile on the face of the teacher. Then a distant view of the Peak might be given to show what the would-be educationist could look forward to. Or finding this one of the house—with furniture,—that a grateful and severely economic government provides for married teachers. By all means add views of Japan as the place where summer holidays can be spent and a view of the various Club houses which are to be found here, including the lounge of the Hotel and a view of the grill room, and of course Ilepusse Bay. Other scenes could doubtless be included, and with the letter press—if that is what it is called—carefully worded, the supply of teachers would easily exceed the demand. There are at least two things that should be excluded from this proposed film; one is a view of the outside of the Saik

## KOWLOON FLAT.

OWNER SUES OCCUPIER.  
INTERESTING RENTS PROBLEM  
SOLVED.

Judgment was given in the Supreme Court by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) to-day in the case in which Mr. Robert Arthur Clarke, a clerk in the Naval Yard, was sued by Chan Shun-sze, owner of the flat at No. 33 Nathan Road where Mr. Clarke resides, for possession under the Rents Ordinance.

At the hearing last month the plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. W. Watson and Mr. F. G. Vaux appeared for the defence. Mr. Watson explained that the flat was originally let to a Mr. Bolderson. A week or two before the hearing judgment was obtained against the latter on the ground that he had not paid his rent for several months. Mr. Clarke claimed to be sub-tenant of Bolderson but the plaintiff's contention was that Mr. Clarke was not a tenant but a caretaker and, alternatively, that if he was a tenant he was not protected at law by the Rents Ordinance. The tenancy of Bolderson having been determined the tenancy of the defendant was, Mr. Watson argued, *de facto* determined with it.

The defendant, in the witness box, said that he heard that the flat was vacant from a newspaper advertisement. He then got into touch with the tenant, Mr. Bolderson, with whom he arranged to take over the flat after buying the furniture and fittings for \$400. When he went in on September 23 he made inquiries and was informed that the rent for September had not been paid. He then obtained a sum of \$70 from Mr. Bolderson. When handing over the keys Mrs. Bolderson said her husband owed two months' rent, which he would send to the landlord.

The defendant asserted that he took over the flat only on the condition that he became a sub-tenant of Mr. Bolderson though he admitted, when questioned on the point by Mr. Watson, that his letter was "somewhat misleading." He had never, he said, paid any rent to Bolderson.

## His Honour's Decision.

In the course of his judgment this morning His Honour said it was impossible to support the view that Clarke was a caretaker. "It is absurd," the Puisne Judge proceeded to point out, "to say that a man who has made himself responsible for the full monthly rental and has paid a substantial sum for the furniture and fittings is a mere caretaker. Then he is the protection of the Rents Ordinance. If he has not it is clear that plaintiff is entitled to possession."

After discussing a number of legal authorities, including several which Mr. Watson had quoted during his argument, His Honour said that, generally speaking, the general object of the law was the protection of the man in actual occupation and in the case before him the defendant clearly was a tenant in actual occupation.

"No doubt, a very wary man," remarked the Judge in conclusion, "would not have concluded his bargain until he had seen the rent receipts. But there was nothing to put Clarke on inquiry; he trusted Bolderson, it is true—but so did the landlord, who allowed him to be four months in arrears with his rent. In my opinion—when the order for possession was made against Bolderson and he dropped out then Clarke's relation to the landlord became that of statutory tenant under the Ordinance. There must be judgment for the defendant with costs."

## BANK MERGER.

## MANAGERS INTERVIEWED.

The absorption of the Asia Banking Corporation by the International Banking Corporation briefly reported in to-day's papers, was confirmed by managers of both banks when seen by a *China Mail* representative this morning.

An agreement has been reached, we understand, whereby the International Bank will take over all the assets and business of the Asia Banking Corporation which at the completion of the negotiations will cease to exist.

This merger, Mr. Hogg, the International Bank manager, told our representative, will be helpful to all American banking institutions in the Far East. Subsequent announcements will be made as to the business arrangement, he said.

The deal is subject to the approval of the stockholders and a special meeting has been called to expound the sale, after which further detailed information will be available.

Mr. D. M. Biggar, manager of the Asia Bank informed us that it is expected that the process of transition will be completed by Aug. 31 this year, when the International Bank will start on its new arrangement.

A *Reuter* message received to-day from Shanghai stated: "It is announced that the Asia Bank has signed an agreement for the sale of its assets and business to the International

YAU-MATI SCHOOL  
DEVELOPMENT OF  
DISTRICT.

One of the popular features at the distribution of prizes at Yau-mati School this morning was the granting of a half-holiday to the students by Hon. Mr. E. Irving, Director of Education. Mrs. G. F. de Martin, wife of the former headmaster, was given a bouquet by the enthusiastic scholars after she had given out the prizes and in response, her request that the students be granted a holiday, was loudly cheered.

Father Valtorta, a member of the Board of Education was an interested visitor.

Mr. G. E. Edwards, the headmaster, in his annual report stated that the school was opened on 220 days during the year, the minimum enrolment was 271 and the average attendance 246. Last year the average was 260.

The attendance had been good, though there were still too many cases of boys being kept away from school on account of family affairs. It had only been possible to admit a few of the many boys who had applied for admission. The district was developing so rapidly that a school, much larger than the existing one was needed.

The discipline had been excellent. The boys were well mannered and easily controlled. The prefects rendered useful assistance in the maintenance of order.

The health of the school had been good, went on Mr. Edwards. As regards the studies, 284 boys took the Annual Examination in November and 210 passed. The results taken as a whole were good except in Class 7c. In this class 11 boys failed out of 25 presented, and of those 6 failed in English, 3 in Chinese and 2 in both English and Chinese.

At the Entrance Examination to Queen's College 12 boys passed out of 15 presented. The standard for a pass was raised from 60 to 70 per cent. The examination revealed weakness in Calligraphy, Dictation and Composition, the results in the other subjects were good.

In athletics inter-class football and volleyball competitions were held after the summer holidays and created a great deal of interest.

Swimming parties went on regularly during the summer months and about 40 non-swimmers took lessons at classes, held at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Sung On-wing had rendered valuable assistance as sportsmaster and he had been ably assisted by Mr. So Tsui-keung.

The library, continued the headmaster, now contained 200 English and 800 Chinese books and had been much used by the boys.

"In conclusion" said Mr. Edwards, "I wish to thank Mrs. de Martin for kindly coming here to-day to distribute the prizes and also members of the staff for their support and co-operation during the year. (Cheers.)

The prize winners were:—

English. Class 4.—1st and Scholarship, Lo Ku-hun; 2nd, Ho Tai-yung.

Class 5a.—1st and Scholarship, Wong Kung-U; 2nd, Yeung Hing-ling.

Class 5b.—1st, Chan Kam-tai; 2nd, Chan To-wing.

Class 6a.—1st and Scholarship, Ling Kam-ho; 2nd, So Kai-sung.

Class 6b.—1st, Lok Ping-cheung; 2nd, Wu Yat-sing.

Class 7a.—1st and Scholarship, Hung Cheuk-kwong; 2nd, Wong Tua-kwai.

Class 7b.—1st, Kong Wing-wa; 2nd, Wong Chung-wing.

Class 7c.—1st, Fung Kap-ki; 2nd, Lau Hung-teo.

Class 8.—1st, Leung Ping-fat; 2nd, Tang Tze-kun.

Chinese.

4.—1st Lo Ke-fun.

5a.—1st Wong Kung-U.

5b.—1st Chan To-wing.

6a.—1st Ling Kam-hon.

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"SCOTIA"	7,696	26th Apr.	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,097	17th May	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp
"KHIVA"	8,807	19th May	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,697	21st May	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp

**BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)**

S. S	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TORILLA"	5,905	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"JAPAN"	8,053	1st Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

**EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

S. S	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,900	2nd Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"EASTERN"	4,000	7th Feb.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	do.

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"KARMAKA"	9,098	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,955	31st Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"PERIM"	7,648	31st Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	8,696	1st Feb.	Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji and Kobe.
"NALDERA"	15,983	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	14th Feb.	Moji and Kobe.
"KREVER"	9,014	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NELJORE"	8,851	6th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,645	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	10th Mar.	Moji and Kobe.
"SICILLA"	8,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,840	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SCOTIA"	4,000	5th Apr.	Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,696	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"KHIVA"	9,097	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	8,097	2nd May	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	4,000	3rd May	Moji and Kobe.
"APCAR"	8,840	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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## MOVIES

## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL

## ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

## ACCIDENT TO COMPETITOR.

Except for a regrettable accident to one of the competitors, the first annual athletic sports of the Central British School were held with entire success yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Cricket Club's ground. The casualty was Master W. King, who, after winning the junior High Jump, fell during an exhibition performance and apparently dislocated his right elbow. First aid was rendered by the sports officials pending the arrival of Dr. Wong, and he was later removed to hospital in the motor ambulance.

The events were keenly contested and in conjunction with the prizes a new scheme was introduced. No prizes were given for second and third places and to encourage the children to strive for general efficiency, a new arrangement of awarding prize to first winners only was initiated which produced very satisfactory results. The boys competed in groups representing the Nathan, Lugard and May Houses, while the girls represented the Bede, St. George's and St. Dunstan's Houses.

At the end of the sports Lady Severn distributed the prizes at the club house. Before the presentation the Headmaster, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, said this was the first annual sports meeting of the Central British School. The children did not compete as individuals, but as members of different Houses, each striving for the honour of his or her particular group. The competitors all realised that on him or her depended the success of their Houses, and had shown a keen spirit of rivalry. When the question of holding the sports was discussed, said Mr. Nightingale, the older children suggested that no prizes be given and that sufficient reward would be yielded by the knowledge that they had done something for their Houses. It was, however, decided to give small silver cups for championship events to serve as an everlasting record of their services rendered to the Houses. Mr. Nightingale concluded by thanking all who had assisted to make the sports a success.

After giving away the prizes Lady Severn was presented with a bouquet by little Miss Wylie.

The announcement was made by the Headmaster, before the gathering dispersed, that Mr. E. Ralphs had promised the School a shield so that the achievements of the different Houses can be recorded.

The following were the results:

Boys' 100 yards (senior): 1, G. Bond. Junior: 1, T. Whitley.

Girls' 100 yards (senior): 1, Phyllis Wooley. Junior: 1, E. Stewart.

Boys' long jump (senior): 1, W. Matchin. Junior: 1, T. Neave.

Girls' 50 yards (senior): 1, M. Martin. Junior: 1, E. Stewart.

Boys' quarter mile (senior): 1, R. Patton. Junior: 1, K. Jenner.

Girls' egg and spoon (senior): 1, M. Gourley. Junior: 1, C. Dixon.

Boys' relay race (senior): 1, May House. Junior: 1, Nathan House.

Girls' relay race (senior): 1, St. George's House. Junior: 1, St. George's House.

Boys' tug of war (senior): 1, May House. Junior: 1, Nathan House.

Girls' tug of war (senior): 1, Bede House. Junior: 1, St. George's House.

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Girls: 1, St. George's House, 31 points; 2, Bede House, and St. Dunstan's House, 15 points each.

## FOOTBALL

## HONGKONG INTERPORT TEAM

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The following team has been selected to represent Hongkong at the forthcoming Interport matches at Shanghai:

Weness (H. M. S. Tamar), Wynne, Bishop, McKelvie, Stewart, Leiliot, Charlesworth, Eaton, Johnson, Nash and Begg Reserves: Casteldine, Wheeler and Mair.

The team is booked to sail from Hongkong on February 1st, by the s.s. "President Lincoln."

## CLUB v. "TITANIA."

The following will represent the Club 1st XI in the first round of the Challenge Shield against H. M. S. "Titania" on the club ground tomorrow. Kick off, 4 p.m.—R. Hutchison, W. Gerrard, C. E. Bishop, A. Mair, J. Stewart, J. W. R. McPhail, G. Watson, A. S. Forsyth, (Capt.) H. G. Howard, S. D. Begg and G. Angus.

## KOWLOON TEAMS.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon F. C. in their shield matches tomorrow:

Senior-Shield v. Police on Kowloon ground at 4 p.m.—B. Rasmussen, F. Wheeler, T. L. Knight, M. Howarth, J. McKelvie, H. G. Wheeler, C. Millar, J. Morton, K. Mason, R. Nash and A. Duncan. Reserve: A. E. Latham. Junior-Shield v. "Hawkins" on Kowloon ground at 2.30 p.m.—J. Beach, B. Guest, D. Umphart, A. W. Brown, E. Oliver, S. Randle, V. Hast, B. Vickars, W. H. Brown, A. Sparry, and B. Haylock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. W. Chapman.

## CLUB DE RECREIO v. S. CHINA "A"

The following will represent Club de Recreio in the Junior shield competition against South China "A" on Saturday at 2.30 on South China ground.—M. Silva; H. Prata, P. Xavier; W. Xavier, A. A. Remedios, A. Carvalho; A. A. Boelho, D. Alves, W. Ogle (Capt.), Gossano and F. Rocha Reserves: A. Puerto and L. Gomes.

Boys' half mile (senior): 1, R. Patton, Junior: 1, K. Jenner.

Girls' egg and spoon (senior): 1, M. Gourley. Junior: 1, C. Dixon.

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## CRICKET.

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

## THE R.E.'S RECORD TO DATE.

Last week's league statistics did not include a second division match played at Happy Valley on December 15, in which the Royal Engineers defeated the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. This was down in the fixtures, originally, as a friendly, but on the ground, it was decided to make it a league game, as one earlier in the season, had to be postponed on account of the pitch.

Including this game, the junior league leaders have played off eleven of their sixteen fixtures and their position is highly satisfactory in view of the fact that they have practically the same team as last season. This year they have not had the services of Lieut. Hammond and Captain Wahl. After playing in six matches, Sergeant Redpath has gone home. He was not called up to do very much bowling last season, but made two or three big league scores, although inconsistent. His all-round improvement this season, has meant a lot to the Sappers. Two players who have rendered yeoman service to the team this season are Major Gandy, who has the biggest aggregate in the division, and Q.M.S. Jacob, who tops the bowling averages with the second highest number of wickets although he has only played in seven matches. Sergeant Cockell, who arrived towards the end of last season, has fallen off in recent matches, after doing well with both bat and ball, and Captain Chippendall has also strengthened the batting. Redpath's going home has meant a good deal although Jacob has more than made up for his absence from the attack. The batting, however, is not all that could be wished for. The tail has seldom "wagged" when called upon for an effort, but there is one relieving feature which is the improvement shown in the last three matches by G. S. M. Smith, S. S. Brown and Q. M. S. Ramsey.

As to their record in detail, one finds that they have met all the other teams in the junior league at least once. The Chinese and University juniors have twice been beaten easily. On their own ground, the Indian 2nd XI lost by 47 runs early in the season, and at Happy Valley the Indians had slightly the better of a draw. Civil Service 2nd XI lost by 50 runs. Kowloon juniors gave the leaders a fright, getting them out for a small score but losing, in the end, by 37 runs, and the R. A. M. C. lost by a similar margin. The Club 2nd XI missed the points by only 32 runs and the Navy second team won by 22 runs. From this it will be seen that only the two weaker teams allowed the Sappers to pile on runs with ease whereas the other losers did fairly well against the leaders.

The biggest score made by the Engineers this season is 182 in their first match at Sookumpoo after the Indians had scored 135. They made 164 for 3 wickets and 149 all out against the Varsity and 170 for 3 in the return match with the Chinese but on these occasions, most of the runs were not required. Coming further down the list, they made 144 against the Civil Service, 121 for 7 against the C.R.C. and 100 against the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. On the military ground the Indian juniors knocked up the biggest score against the leaders, 178 for 8 and the Sappers replied with 120 for 6. On other occasions when they batted first, they only knocked up 95 against the Medicus, 76 against the Navy and 69 against Kowloon. The only other three-figure score against the R.E.'s was 135, made by the Indians in their first match. From this it will be seen that the attack has done exceedingly well, but the batting has sometimes given cause for alarm. As the Navy 2nd XI, who have won all their engagements to date, are also strong in bowling, there is every chance of their running the Sappers closely for the championship of the division. The senior service has, however, to play eleven more fixtures and there may be a time when their best team is not available.

There were no surprises in the five matches played last Saturday, the best one of which was the one in which Kowloon seconds lost to the Indians after what promised to be a good fight. The winners declared with five wickets down for 153, and when Kowloon had the same number of wickets down, the 100 had been sent up. It seemed that they might beat their visitors' score in a race against time but the latter batsmen failed badly.

Below will be found the league statistics to date. If naval or military fixtures have been omitted, I shall be obliged if the respective secretaries or skippers will let me have the missing results.

A. A. Rumjahn has passed G. R. More's aggregate although he has lost second position in the senior batting list. Pommel (Navy) drops out of the junior bowling averages as he has not played in

half his team's engagements but his name appears in the senior list as he bowled in two of the first division matches. Players who figure in both divisions have separate records.

## BATTING.

## FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings.	Highest Score.	Average.
Owen Hughes (H.K.)	2	61 78	78.00
Claxton (H.K.)	2	106 106	53.00
Purcell (N.J.)	4	72 145	48.33
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	11	193	48.25
Balhetchet (U.)	4	74 133	44.33
More (H.K.)	4	97 177	44.25
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	2	39 44	44.00
Pearce (H.K.)	2	40 42	42.00
De Rome (C.S.)	4	97 167	41.75
A. el Arculli (L.)	5	34 71	35.50
Quick (U.)	5	50 103	34.60
Paffard (N.)	4	46 102	34.00
Sayer (C.S.)	5	107 167	34.40
O. Ismail (L.)	6	39 164	32.80
Witchell (C.S.)	3	58 63	31.50
A. H. Madar (L.)	6	52 120	30.00
S. H. Ismail (L.)	6	50 163	27.17
Lindsell (K.)	3	39 52	26.00
Roffey (U.)	3	37 70	23.33
Robinson (K.)	3	31 44	22.00
Nihill (C.S.)	4	27 44	22.00
Ng Sze-kwong (C.R.)	4	47 87	21.75
Hett (U.)	4	56 65	21.66
J. S. Curremen (L.)	3	41 62	20.66

## SECOND DIVISION.

	No. of Innings.	Highest Score.	Average.
Redpath (R. E.)	6	95 244	48.80
H. D. Rumjahn (I.)	7	73 178	35.60
Gandy (R. E.)	10	108 310	34.44
O. Rumjahn (I.)	8	67 201	33.50
Harper (C.S.)	9	60 267	33.37
A. K. Mackenzie (H. K.)	5	106 153	30.60
Hagen (H. K.)	6	47 149	29.80
Reid (H. K.)	7	65 147	24.50
Baron (H. K.)	4	45 97	24.25
D. Rumjahn (I.)	7	50 135	22.50
Weaver (K.)	5	52 111	22.20
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	7	44 154	22.00

\*denotes "not out".

## BOWLING.

## FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	18	4.61
Bowker (H.K.)	8	4.75
Gould (N.)	8	5.12
Pomfret (N.)	8</	

## CHINESE "CHOP" QUÉRY

WAS IT BINDING?  
AN IMPORTANT RULING.

An important judgment concerning the validity of Chinese firm "chops" was delivered by the Puisano Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court to-day. The parties in the case were Chiu Shan-nan (plaintiff) and the Wing Cheong Lung firm of paper merchants (defendants).

His Honour had been asked to give a ruling on an agreed statement of facts.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said: "The plaintiff claims \$1,000 on a promissory note bearing the chop of the defendant firm. The firm consists of two partners—one dormant and the other exercising slight supervision only. Wu Ching-lan, a shareholder but not a partner, was the manager and did the buying and selling and with the fullest powers carried on the business. In March, 1922, the plaintiff advanced \$1,000 to Wu, who stated it to be for the use of the firm. The money was paid on the firm's premises and a promissory note bearing the ordinary and regular chop of the firm was affixed by Wu. The money was not in fact applied to the purposes of the firm but was retained by Wu for his own use. The partners had no knowledge of the transaction. There is no evidence that the firm has ever borrowed money. I have to decide whether the firm is liable."

"The question is partly one of agency. In English law it is well settled that the manager of a business has no implied authority to borrow money. It is pointed out that borrowing money is no part of the ordinary business of paper merchants but it is common knowledge on the other hand that local Chinese firms very frequently raise money by loan for the purposes of the business. To my mind, the whole question of liability turns on the matter of the chop. Wu was the manager, having practically the entire conduct of the business. He was entrusted with the general chop which, I think, by local custom, confers very wide and general powers upon the holder."

"In my opinion," concluded His Honour, "the firm had held out Wu as their general agent for all reasonable business purposes, which would include the raising of money by loan, and I think therefore they are estopped from denying his authority to borrow. There must be judgment for the plaintiff with costs."

At the hearing Mr. Layman appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the defence.

## THEATRE STARS.

## TWO SWORDS.

Two stars in the Cantonese theatrical world were the defendants before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning on charge of possession of two nickel-plated swords.

One of them is the most popular matinee idol of Hong Kong audiences, having distinct womanish features. He is the leading "lady" in the troupe now performing at the Tai Ping theatre, being known by the stage name of *Sui Ding Hsing*. Yew and he claimed the ownership. He had taken the weapons to the Nanking boarding house to obtain tuition in a spectacular Northern sword display from another star who goes by the stage name of *Sai Gey*, and who takes the refined role of a scholar. It appears that Senior Revenue Officer Watt happened to go to the same place where master and pupil were welding the swords before an admiring audience.

His Worship recorded a conviction but in view of the circumstances, did not impose a fine; the actors were ordered to sign a personal bond of \$100 for six months.

## COMMERCIAL NOTES.

## TRADE QUOTATIONS.

Java Sugar.—No. 24 rough white dropped about 20 cents (H.K.) per picul on the Nam Pak Hong Market yesterday. The other grades are quoted at the same prices for average quantity.

Rice.—A halt has been called in the general upward tendency noticeable during the last fortnight. This morning's quotations show no change from those of yesterday.

Flour.—Market very quiet on account of large stocks in speculators' hands and their inability to liquidate same because of the political outlook and the threatened Canton embargo on silver coin export. Prices unchanged.

## PEKING CABINET.

## RESIGNATION EN BLOC.

PEKING, January 10.—The acting Cabinet met this afternoon and decided to resign en bloc. Their resignation was sent to the President at six o'clock.

## CRICKET.

## H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on grounds as below—

1st XI v. Civil Service C. C. (F.) at C.S.C.C. ground—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. Blaker, G. R. More, E. G. Lammer, D. H. F. McMaster, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. England and W. Galloway.

2nd XI v. C.R.C. (L.) on H.K.C.C. ground—H. E. Hollands (Capt.), A. B. Raworth, E. C. Hagen, H. Griffin, W. W. Mackenzie, M. M. Mass, G. H. Piercy, C. R. Baron, C. V. Mark, P. Jacks and E. D. Black.

2nd XI v. Craigengower 2nd XI (F.) at Craigengower—R. M. Macalpine (Capt.), Capt. G. F. T. Haigh, H. H. Taylor, Capt. R. F. Walter, A. Stevens, J. N. Owen, J. P. Bridger, C. T. Fowle, G. M. Dorkins, H. H. Day and N. L. H. Ralton.

## First League.

## KOWLOON v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will play for the K.C.C. to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. sharp on the Kowloon ground—J. P. Robinson, (Capt.), R. E. Lindsell, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, R. Pestonji, F. W. Howell, L. E. Lammer, R. E. Earshaw, J. M. Jack, A. W. E. Davidson and C. J. Taich.

The following will represent the University in this match—A. Rumjahn (Captain), H. N. Balchett, E. K. Quick, M. H. Roffey, R. A. Ponsonby Fane, A. S. Hett, W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yew, D. Laing, S. Hachiuma and B. P. Nk.

## CRAIGENGOWER TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the C.C.C. in to-morrow's matches as under—

C.C.C. v Indian R.C. first league at Sanktum-poo—B. W. Bradbury, D. Fritz, F. E. Lawrence, T. Grimes, G. W. Milne, A. A. Paice, G. White, S. Abbas, W. Hall, H. J. Dennis and R. Bass.

C.C.C. v H.K.C.C. "A" Team on Craigengower grounds—E. Mow-fung, W. B. Miskett, M. Pinna, F. K. Modi, Dr. V. Atienza, M. S. Sanjana, H. J. Chapman, D. Mackintosh, Y. Abbas, E. Moore and P. A. Dixon.

## Second League.

## UNIVERSITY v. KOWLOON.

The following will play for Kowloon 2nd XI on the University ground at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow—H. Overy, (Capt.), A. R. R. Raven, W. L. Weaver, A. O. Brown, B. Peterham, E. J. Edwards, A. J. Kew, E. Savage, J. C. Long, D. S. Green and A. W. Summers.

## RICSHA SQUEEZE.

## EXEMPLARY FINE.

Salutary fines of \$10 each were meted out by Mr. J. R. Wood to five Kowloon ricksha coolies who appeared before him on a charge of unlawfully demanding an additional five cents from Chinese who had been taken from M. Y. San's tea-house in the Kowloon City district and had been driven to Mr. Tsang Foo's villa, a journey which just exceeds the five-cent rate.

Additional charges of assaulting one of the "fares" were not proved. Evidence was given and the coolies admitted that ten cents had been paid for each vehicle.

## SHOCKED!

## SMALL EARTHQUAKE NEAR HONGKONG.

The faithful seismograph at the Kowloon Observatory registered an earthquake shock last night which was felt by probably few in Hongkong.

We are informed that the shock was recorded at 10.44 last night and the movement ceased at 10.58. The total movement on either side of zero was 7 m.m. The actual quake, which followed the shock occurred about 100 miles from Hongkong at 7.11 this morning.

## THE BIRTH OF A NATION.

## BIG SPECTACLE AT THE CORONET.

The "Birth of a Nation," which was the first of D. W. Griffith's big productions, comes to the Coronet today for its first showing in Hongkong.

The picture has by this time become so famous that little information is needed by the general public. It is one of those entertainments that everybody will go to see, without needing persuasion.

The period is that of America between 1860 and 1870, and the cast includes Lillian Gish and Henry B. Walthall, in the parts that made their reputation when the film was first produced some years ago.

"The Birth of a Nation" is said to be the only picture made in the comparatively early days of the modern film, that compares with the present day productions.

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## GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Padua" left London on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. for China and Japan. The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanya" arrived at London on Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Menelaus" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Jan. 8 for this port and is due here today. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m.

The G. & S. S. "Victoria" left Sydney with general cargo and Australian Mail on Dec. 30; is expected to be here to day and will moor at Buoy A5. The Wing On Co., Ltd., Agents.

The P. & O. s.s. "Moros" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 7 at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here to day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karnala" is expected to leave Colombo on Jan. 13 p.m. for China and Japan.

The B. F. s.s. "Izion" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 7 for this port and is due here on Jan. 13.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Rikton" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on January 13.

The B. F. s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. and is due here on Jan. 18 at about 4 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Waris" left Bangkok for this port on Jan. 7 at 8 a.m. and is due here on Jan. 18 at about 4 a.m.

The C.P.S. I.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan port and Shanghai on Dec. 27 and is due here on Jan. 18.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Madison" leaves from Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 14, arriving here at 7 a.m. on Jan. 15, and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. on Jan. 17.

The B. F. s.s. "Aegeanor" left Liverpool on Dec. 15 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and is due here on about Jan. 17.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Prometheus" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on about Jan. 20.

The B. F. s.s. "Phoenix" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Chemulpo and Dabu and is due here on about Jan. 26.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Bakersfield" which is due at this port on Feb. 3 sailed from Seattle on Dec. 29 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Prometheus" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on about Jan. 20.

The B. F. s.s. "Demodocs" left Liverpool on Dec. 28 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on about Feb. 4.

The D. L. s.s. "President Harrison" which is due at this port on Feb. 4 sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 5 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Astrom" left Liverpool on Jan. 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 9.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Capricorn" sailed from Vancouver on Dec. 14 and is expected here on or about Jan. 10.

The B. F. s.s. "Phoenix" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and is due here on about Jan. 26.

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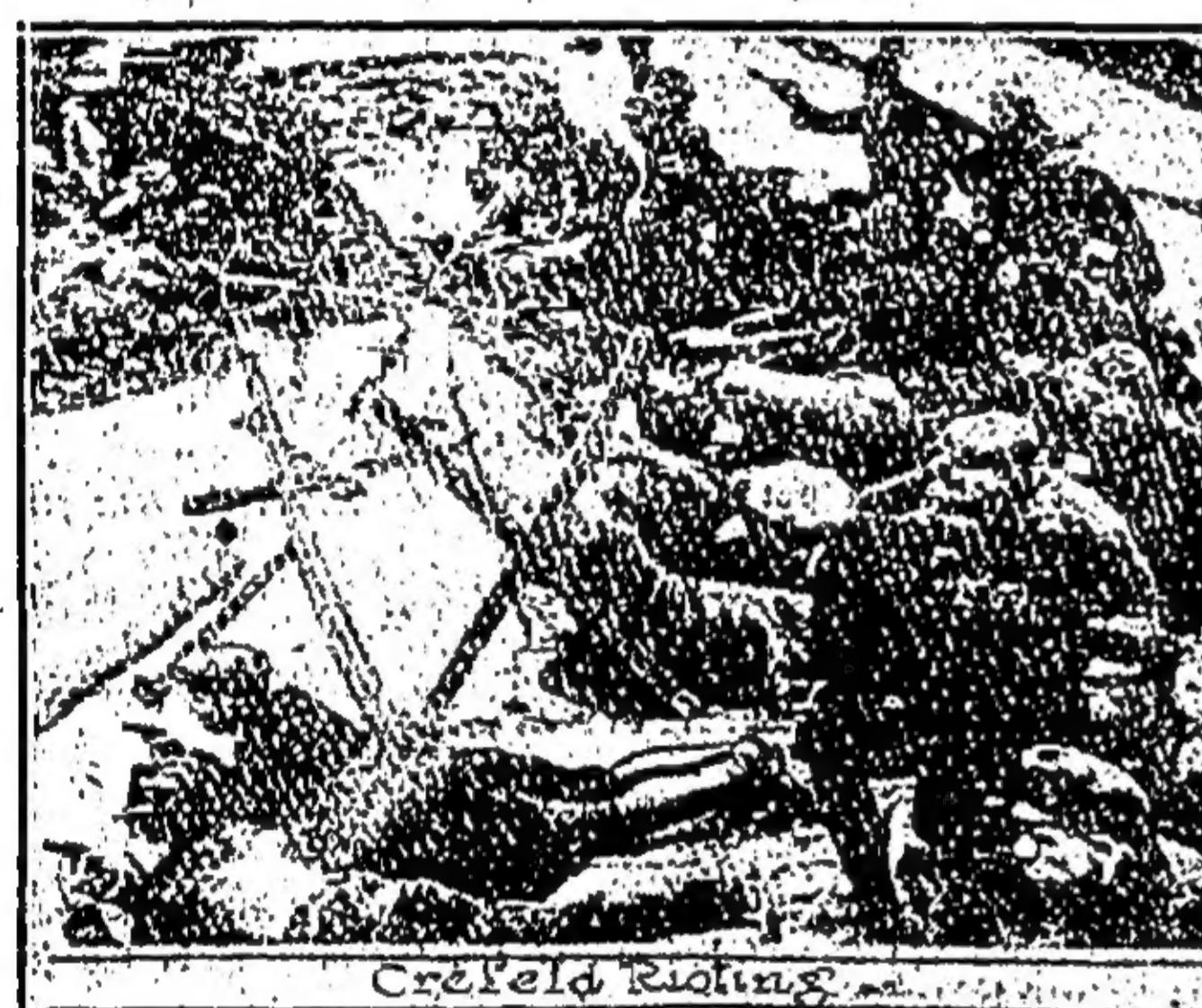
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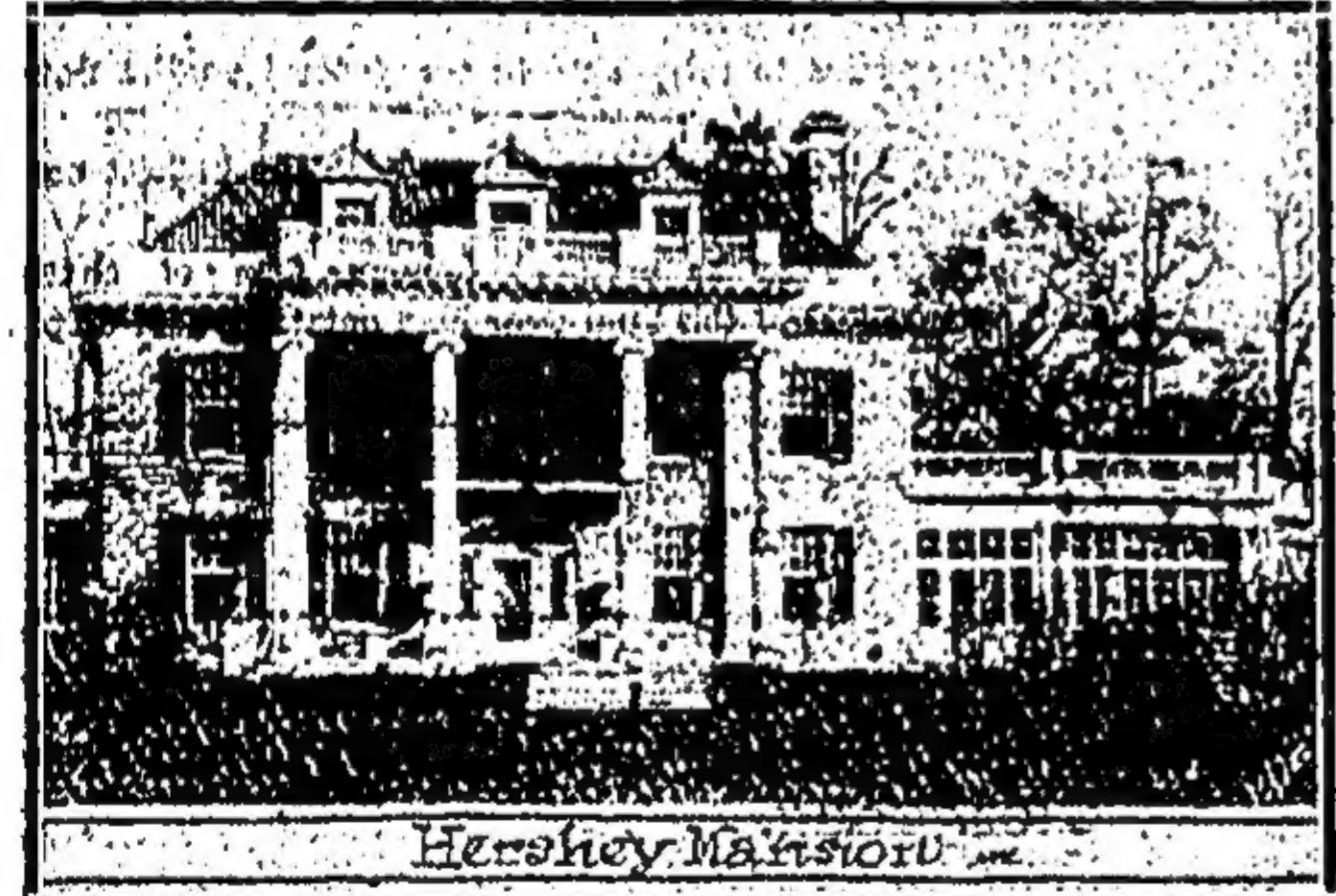
Gloria Swanson.

In a darkened room in a New York City hotel Gloria Swanson, screen star, is cut off from the light of day by two cold and clammy cabbage leaves. On top of the cabbage leaves repose three slices of bacon. Superimposed on the bacon is an ice-pick. For Gloria Swanson has Klieg eyes, a malignant, painful illumination resulting from the brilliant lights used in the moving picture studio sets. "If I only had a bunch of carrots and a string of onions to hang around my neck I'd be a complete New England boiled dinner," she declared. She will be confined for some time.



Crefeld Rioting.

The civil strife in the Rhineland section of Germany has taken on the appearance of a carefully prepared plan of battle between the loyal followers of the German Reich and the Separatists, who would quit Germany and set up an Independent State. Desperate fighting has put down the Separatist movement for the time being. Separatists are shown here barricaded before the Town Hall at Crefeld, from which they were driven, with loss of life.



Hershey Mansion.

The mansion pictured here is the palatial home of Milton S. Hershey, "Chocolate King," of Hershey, Pa. Mr. Hershey has given his entire personal fortune of \$50,000,000 to the Orphans' Industrial School he founded near his home. After Mr. Hershey's death the mansion, too, will form part of the school.



Crefeld Rioting.

This photograph, taken at the imminent peril of the photographer's life, was snapped when police opened fire on the Separatists who had attacked the Crefeld Town Hall in their effort to overthrow the forces of the Reich and set up a new State in the Palatinate. Two men are shown down, wounded. Life apparently means little to these desperate Germans, for they seem to be laughing at their own danger.



Herr Richler.

Herr Richler, President of the Berlin Police Force, is said to be the hardest-worked man in Germany. His clever handling of the difficult situations that have arisen there lately have won him great praise.



Ex-Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, fresh from his five years' exile in Holland, has re-entered Germany as a private citizen and taken up his abode at this castle at Oels, in Silesia.



Billy Tichenor.

"Billy" Tichenor, a professional dancer, 19 years old, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church appeared before the Board of Bishops of the Church, consisting of representatives from all over the world, in session in Brooklyn, N. Y., and made a plea for the lifting of the sinusitis ban. This ban also includes theatregoing, card playing and picture shows. The Bishops promised to place the plea before the General Conference of the Church, which meets in May, 1924, at Springfield, Mass.



General Gerhard von Kanius.

General Count Gerhard von Kanius is the new German Minister of Food and Agriculture, and as such he faces an almost impossible task in trying to feed the German people.



Joseph L. Smith.

Joseph Linden Smith, Boston artist, was making copies of the painting on the wall of the tomb of Rameses II, in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt, for the Boston Art Museum, when the ceiling collapsed. A huge boulder, weighing a ton, grazed Smith's head and crashed at his feet. The tomb has been closed for repairs.



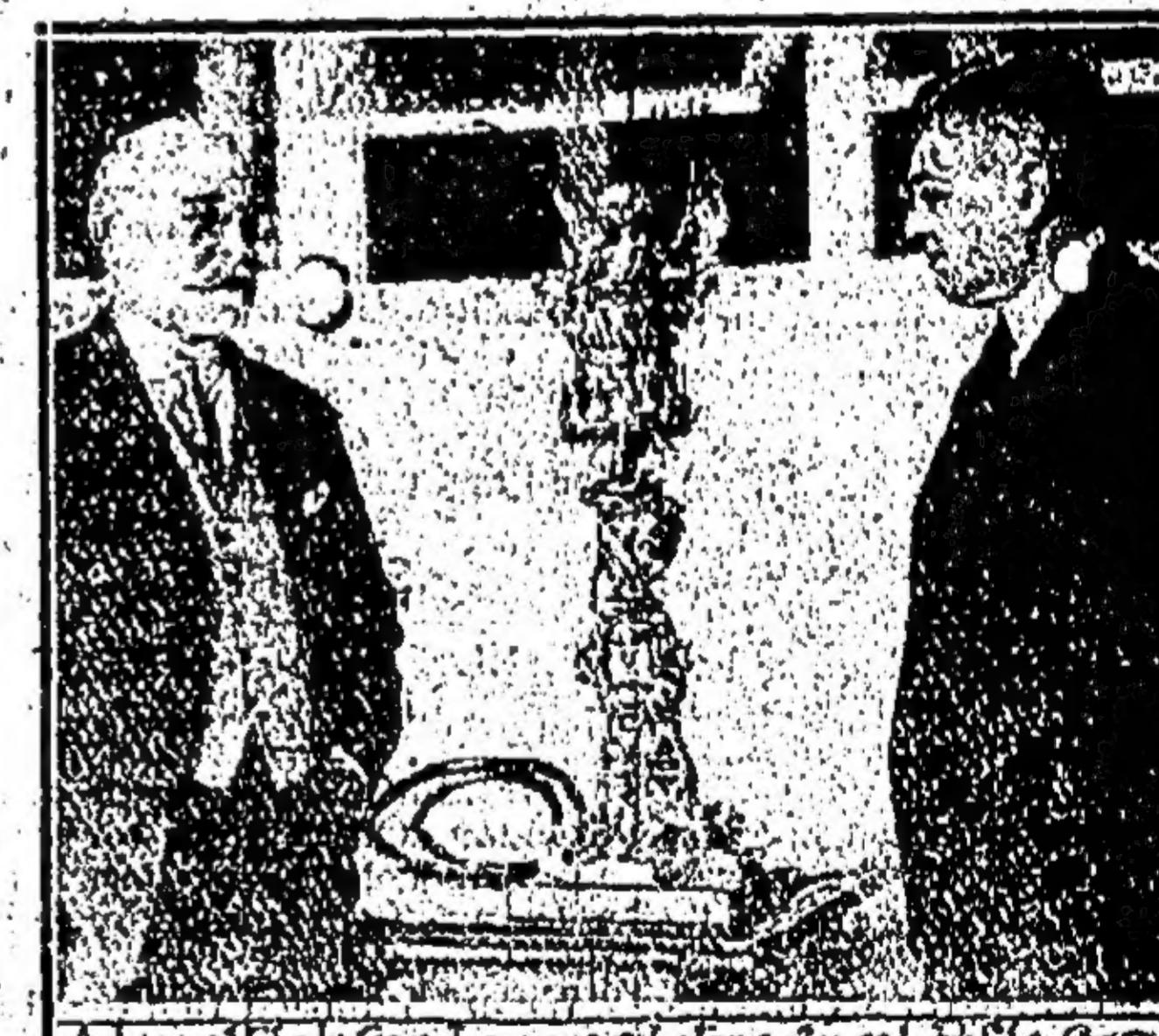
William G. McAdoo.

Through his campaign manager, David L. Rockwell, of Ravenna, O., William Gibbs McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of his father-in-law, ex-President Woodrow Wilson, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency this year.



Bonar Law Funeral.

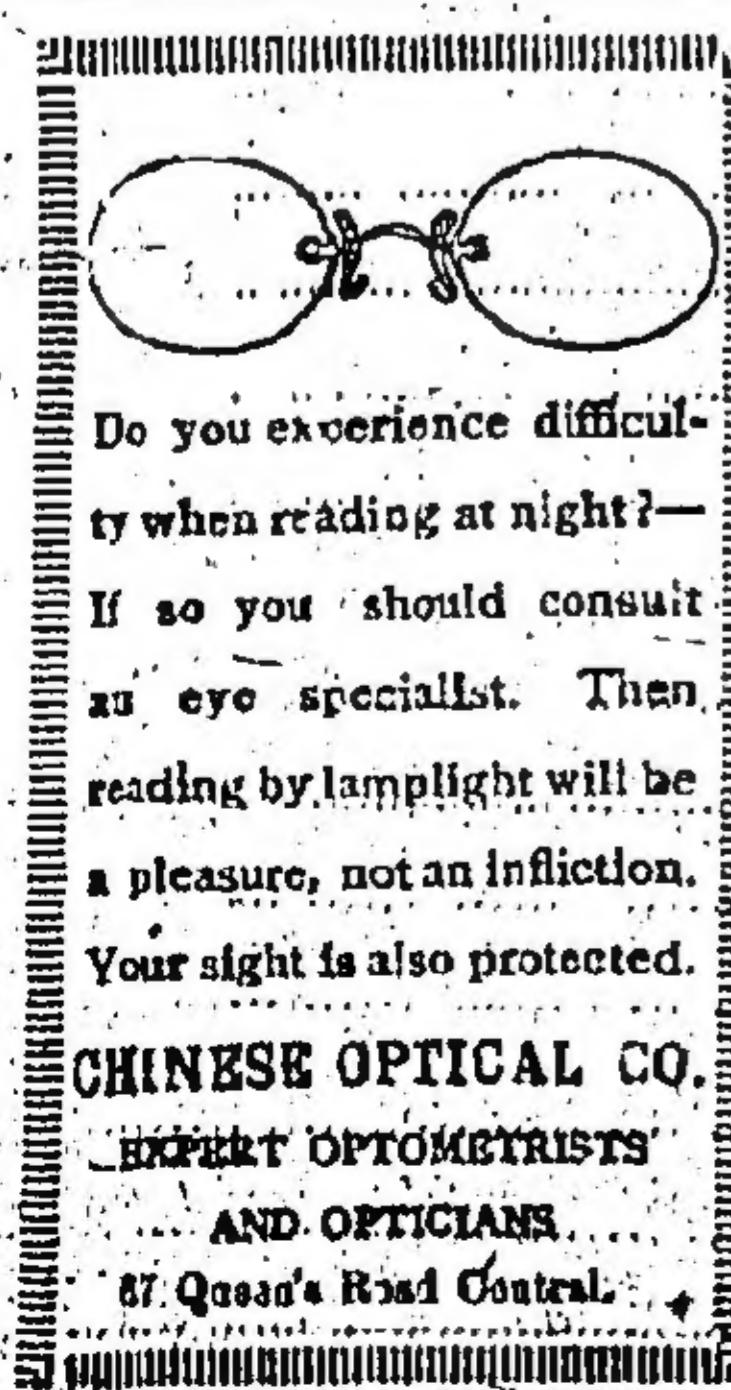
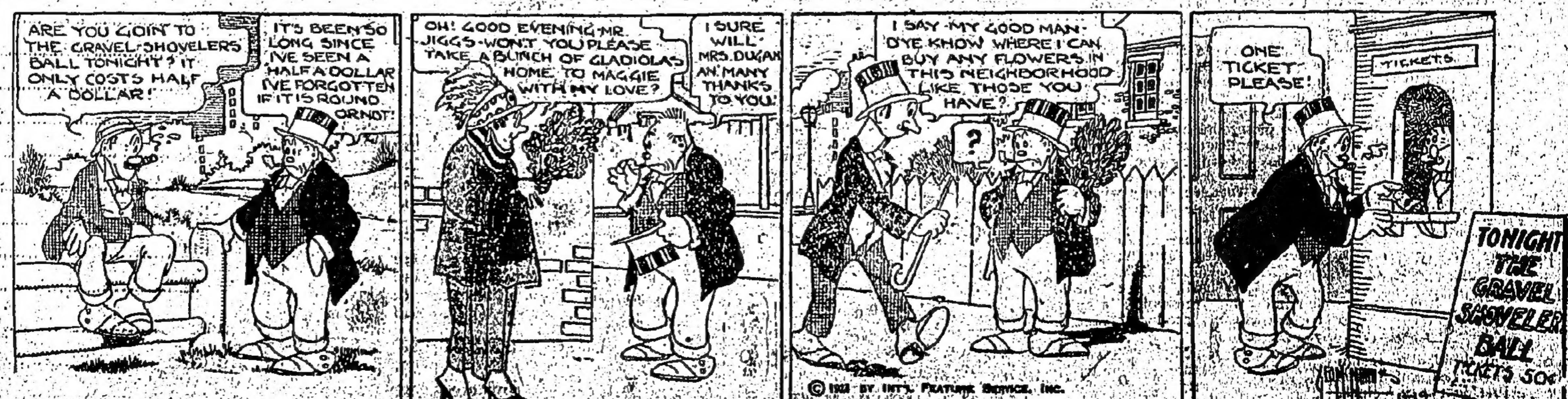
The funeral cortège of the former British Prime Minister, Andrew Bonar Law, is shown proceeding slowly along Victoria street, London, on the way to Westminster Abbey, where the ashes of the great statesman were laid to rest near the bier of the Unknown Soldier. The Prince of Wales may be seen directly behind the flag-covered coffin, while to the left is Herbert H. Asquith, former Prime Minister, and to the right is Lord Balfour.



Awards at the International Rifle Cup.

This international rifle cup was won by the American marines and sailors at Camp Perry, Ohio, and has been placed on exhibition in the Navy Department, Washington. General Lejeune, commander of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Eberle, U. S. N., are looking it over.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.



## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Reuter's Service to the China Mail.

## SEPARATIST PREMIER ASSASSINATED.

Paris, January 9. Herr Heintz, president of the Separatist Government in the Bavarian Palatinate, was assassinated yesterday while dining at a restaurant at Speyer.

LONDON, January 9. An eye-witness of the assassination of Herr Heintz, in the dining hall of the chief hotel at Speyer in the presence of thirty guests, says: "A number of shots suddenly rang out. Three persons who were sitting at a table just opposite me fell to the ground, shot through the head. There was a cry 'Stand against the wall, hands up!' The crowded room was thrown into consternation. A woman burst out crying as several more shots were fired. Three or four young men rushed from the room threatening to shoot anyone leaving within a quarter of an hour, adding, 'We are only attacking Separatists.'

The lights had been extinguished and when they were turned on three men lay in pools of blood. Heintz and another died in a few moments.

It is stated that only Heintz belonged to the Separatist Government. The others sat at his table by chance.

Troops and police soon arrived, but no arrests have been made up to the present.

Three other wounded men were found outside the hotel.

The assassination of Herr Heintz was presumably by Nationalists, and draws fresh attention to the Separatists' doings in the Palatinate, which are the subject of serious preoccupation in British official circles.

The Separatist flag still flies on many town halls in other parts of occupied Germany, but apparently it is only in the Palatinate that anything like a serious central Separatist administration has been established under the title "Government of the Autonomous Palatinate."

While the Separatists are the de facto governing authority in every Palatinate town, it is reported that the nation of the Rhineland High Commission in accepting orders issued by the Separatist Palatinate administration is interpreted as practically official recognition.

It is stated that British de-marches have now led to the decision to institute an inquiry on the spot by delegates of the Inter-Allied Commission.

As a result of British representations on the subject of the Separatist movement, it is announced that an inquiry will be made on the spot by the Rhineland High Commission.

LATER.—

In connection with the shooting of Heintz, there were collisions last night between the Separatists and the populace, which resulted in five persons being killed.

## CHINESE INDUSTRIAL MISSION.

LONDON, January 9. Mr. Chou Hsin-chu, presiding at a dinner at the Chinese Legation in honour of members of the Industrial Mission, said he hoped the visit of the mission would advance Anglo-Chinese trade and co-operation. He looked forward to seeing a similar mission from Great Britain visiting China.

The guests included representatives of the Department of Overseas Trade, London Chamber of Commerce and leading industrial firms.

LONDON, January 9. Sir William Clark said that the Department of Overseas Trade was glad to co-operate with the Mission.

Sir John Jordan said that Anglo-Chinese history was one of the finest in the world for honesty. He had great hopes for China. It was necessary to stabilise the situation, but the economic position would influence the political situation.

The chief item of the Mission's programme to-day was an important conference with the Comptroller-General, Sir William H. Clark, at the Department of Overseas Trade.

The morning was spent in inspecting road making and factories.

Afterwards a private lunch was given by the British Industrial Federation.

## ALLIED MILITARY CONTROL.

BERLIN, January 9. Resumption of Allied military control will be effected on the present week, following an announcement that the Government had taken measures to facilitate the Control Commission's visits on January 10 and 12.

## JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

MELBOURNE, January 9. The Japanese training squadron, comprising three cruisers has arrived. A Civic reception and entertainment was given. The squadron sails for Hobart on January 10.

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## BRADFORD MILL COLLAPSE.

LONDON, January 9. Over thirty employees of the Zetland Spinning Mills at Bradford, were buried this morning by the collapse of the roof of the building, which brought down a lot of heavy machinery from the top floor on to the workers beneath. Up to the present twenty have been extricated, more or less severely injured. Twelve are believed to be still buried, of whom six answered their names, showing that they were still alive.

## BOARD OF TRADE FIGURES.

LONDON, January 9. Board of Trade figures show, imports during 1923 £1,058,000,000, compared with £1,003,000,000 in 1922; exports £767,000,000, compared with £719,000,000; re-exports £118,000,000, compared with £103,000,000.

Allowing for the changed basis, due to the fact that South Ireland in April became a Free State, the Board of Trade estimates of imports in 1923 actually increased in 25,000,000; exports £20,000,000; and re-exports £6,000,000.

## STEAMER ABANDONED.

LONDON, January 9. A message from Seattle says the steamer "Kyoso Maru" on January 5 was abandoned, the crew being taken off by the American steamer "President McKinley."

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

## THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (British):—

Chien Hongkong Hotel, from Kobe.  
Fowler Hongkong and Shanghai  
Bank, from Shanghai.  
Sato Hsien Nihon Yusen, from Kobe.  
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J. Button, Hongkong Club, from Shanghai.

Yin Yip, Ching Ching Street, West Point from Tientsin.

Wan Ching 231 Queen's Road, from Macao.

Ulykkee, from Amoy.

Tin Lee, 233 Queen's Road, from Shanghai.

Wong Long Man, Mow Hui, from Shanghai.

N. LUND, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in E Telegraph Office, Hongkong.

Hiscox & Co., Bank Asia, from Shanghai.

Intellair, from Calcutta.

M. E. F. AIREY, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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Saigon.—Off Stonecutters.

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Macao.—Co's Wharf.

New Mathilde, (W. Tai) from  
Hainan.—C.I.L.

Menelaus, (B. & S.) from Shang-  
hai.—AI.

Hosei Maru, (M.S.K.) from  
Karatai—Off Stonecutters.

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